

COMMENT OF
THE DAY

Mission Fulfilled

TO all intents and purposes Mr Dag Hammarskjöld has completed his peace mission to the Middle East, with remarkably promising results. If he has not found a complete solution to the several problems which bedevil Arab-Israeli relations, he has at least fully accomplished the prime purpose of his tour—removed the immediate danger of war between Israel and her neighbours.

Undoubtedly there has been a profound change for the better in the Middle East atmosphere as a result of Mr Hammarskjöld's negotiations. When he arrived at Beirut four weeks ago, the uneasy armistice between Israel and Egypt seemed likely to disintegrate into out-and-out war; since then he has obtained from those two countries written pledges of an unconditional ceasefire in the Gaza area, and agreement to more UN observation posts and mobile patrols on both sides of the demarcation line.

Mr Hammarskjöld's achievements must not however be overvalued. They are to some extent limited, though nonetheless useful. He has, for example, won only partial success in getting ceasefire pledges from Israel's other Arab neighbours, Syria and Lebanon have indicated that their agreement to a ceasefire is conditional on Israel refraining from putting into effect plans for diverting the River Jordan within the demarcation area.

This is a sore issue in relations between Israel and her Arab neighbours, and the refusal of Syria and Lebanon to agree to an unconditional ceasefire is the biggest disappointment of the Hammarskjöld peace mission. It constitutes the most dangerous existing threats to the peace of Palestine.

Consolidation of Mr Hammarskjöld's mediation efforts becomes the next urgent task of the United Nations. The UN must not only contrive to persuade Israel and Syria to reach an agreement on the Jordan waters, but it must find a solution to the problem of the 900,000 dispossessed Arab refugees whose continued restiveness could provide the spark necessary to set off full-scale hostilities on the Arab-Israeli borders.

Because the refugees are a real menace to Middle East peace, the United Nations must evolve a plan either to resettle them or recompense them in a manner that will satisfy their legitimate demands.

The UN Secretary-General has managed to cool Arab-Israeli tempers and given his organisation a new opportunity of working out an agreeable permanent solution to Middle East problems. If Russia abides by the promise made by Bulganin and Khrushchev and co-operates fully with the Security Council in drawing up an acceptable formula to govern future Arab-Israeli relations, the prospects of a lasting settlement will be that much increased.

First step might be a collective agreement to ban the supply of arms to the Middle East.

Four BIG New Features

Four BIG new features begin in the BIG feature-packed China Mail tomorrow.

BEGINNING: "Deadline and Dateline" by Rene MacColl — in which he tells the inside stories — never before told — that he has heard in 20 years of foreign reporting.

BEGINNING: "Through Mr. Eden's Eyes" — the first of a new series of feature articles by David Lewis, all the leading stars of the day as they appear on the forthcoming Test series. His first report appears tomorrow.

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Important Paris Meeting

NEW PLAN TO LINK
UNIFICATION
& DISARMAMENT

Paris, May 3. France and Germany reached "full agreement" today on a French plan to link world disarmament to the reunification of Germany.

The agreement was reached at an hour-and-a-half meeting this morning between the French Premier M. Guy Mollet and his Foreign Minister M. Christian Pineau and the West German Foreign Minister, Dr Heinrich von Brentano.

The decision swept away German suspicions of French intentions on the eve of the NATO Council meeting.

REFORM
OR DIE:
POUJADE

Paris, May 3. M. Pierre Poujade, the French anti-tax leader said in an exclusive interview tonight: "The Fourth Republic must end at the earliest possible moment and must be followed by a Fifth Republic, possibly with a Presidential type of regime — or else it will be the death of France."

M. Poujade was given almost dictatorial powers over his movement at the end of a three-day congress at St Cere last night.

Asked about his attitude to Soviet Russia and the Atlantic Pact M. Poujade said: "I maintain a prudent reserve about the declarations made by Soviet leaders, because these do not always conform with acts of the machine of international communism."

"In any case collectivism is the enemy No. 1 of every Frenchman who remains attached to his independence and civilization."

"As regards our allies we are not always in agreement with them about the way things are done but the fact remains that Western solidarity must be preserved without reserve."

HIS IDEA

Asked whether he thought the States General which his congress had authorised him to organise would result in a Government reform so as to provide France with a strong and stable Government, he replied: "The role of the States General is not to take the place of the State. There is no question of making the States General a permanent institution. They are not Parliament."

"But there is the possibility of drawing from the country the force and the courage needed to imbue the state again with independence, authority and continuity without which all countries fall into decay."

M. Poujade said others had already tried to reform the State, but they had looked for a solution to this problem "in the very spheres that are responsible for the decay."

The normal result of the States General should be the reform of the State and of its institutions and, automatically, the passing over to the Fifth Republic," he added.

"My personal opinion is that a Presidential type of regime will save the situation, but of course only the States General can decide," M. Poujade said.

Reuter.

The Franco-German session was one of a series of meetings between the individual Western Foreign Ministers preliminary to the full sessions of the NATO Council on Friday and Saturday.

The French Deputy Foreign Minister, M. Maurice Faure outlined the French plan in a newspaper interview this morning.

M. Mollet and M. Pineau have already explained it to the American disarmament delegate Mr Harold Stassen. And M. Pineau outlined it again last night to Mr Dulles. It appeared to be along the same lines as British proposals.

THE PLAN

First, control organisations would be set up and nominal arms reductions made.

Secondly, general disarmament would be conditional on reunifying Germany through free elections and perhaps the solution of other problems. "France's view on the international situation and disarmament and unification in particular corresponds entirely with our view," Dr von Brentano said.

"We leave this meeting completely satisfied."

THE SAAR

Dr von Brentano said the two sides were also near agreement on the future of the Saar and the building of the Moselle Canal linking the coal mines of the Ruhr to the rich iron deposits of the French Lorraine.

"There is complete agreement that this should be settled quickly in the interests of Franco-German relations, of the Saar people and its economy," Dr von Brentano said.

"We have made good progress."

The secretaries of State (Herr Walter Hallstein for Germany and M. Faure for France) will meet on May 15 to draft an agreement on the Saar which will go to the two heads of government early in June at Luxembourg.

BIG TWO MEETING

"In addition to the Saar treaty there will be a tripartite agreement with Luxembourg on the Moselle Canal."

The date of the meeting between M. Mollet and the West German Chancellor, Dr Konrad Adenauer will probably be June 2.—United Press.

\$10,000 Reward

Nicosia, May 3. A £10,000 reward, British protection and a free passage to anywhere in the world were offered today for information leading to the capture of George Grivas.

Grivas, 57, reputed to be the mystery leader of the outlawed terrorist organisation EOKA, who signs himself Digenis, is a retired Greek Army General and former resistance fighter.—China Mail Special.

On January 10, during the enlistment of the first saloon of the Bundeswehr, Captain Zenker, then commander of the fleet, criticised the Allied attitude to Doenitz. Later, Vice-Admiral Ruge was appointed Fleet Commander.—France-Press.

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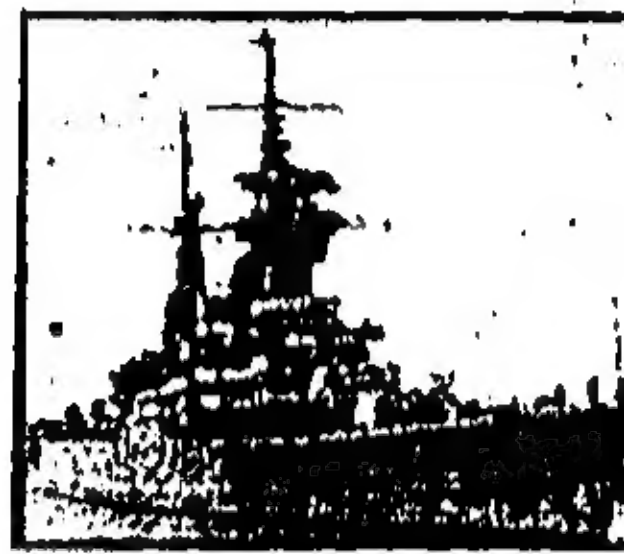
WHAT HAPPENED TO THE LOST
FROGMAN? POLICE INQUIRING

Portsmouth, May 3. Police admitted today they were conducting a secret investigation into the disappearance of Lionel (Buster) Crabb, Britain's No 1 "Frogman".

But they would not comment on speculation that the Russians may have had something to do with it.

"Our inquiries are governed by the Official Secrets Act (which governs peacetime espionage and treason)," said the spokesman. "Our officers are working on instructions from London."

It was known, however, that Jack Lampart, chief of detectives, had removed pages covering the first three weeks of April from the register of the hotel where Crabb was staying. The former naval commander, who was making secret under-



Orshonikidze

water tests for the Government, was last seen on April 18 when he donned skin-diving gear and went into Portsmouth harbour, a few miles from where the Russian cruiser Orshonikidze dropped anchor.

His disappearance was kept secret for nine days and no official inquiry has been advanced to account for it.

The naval authorities denied today that the work Crabb was doing for the government would have brought him near the Orshonikidze, which brought Mr Khrushchev and Marshal Bulganin.

The London Daily Mail reported today that Crabb checked into a Portsmouth hotel on April 17 in the company of a man the paper has so far been unable to identify. Crabb's companion returned later and paid the missing man's bill, the Mail said.

The newspaper said Crabb left the hotel at noon on April 18. Lampart came to the hotel the following day and collected the register. Crabb was awarded the George Medal for heroic underwater work while he was a naval officer during World War II.—United Press.

TRADE WITH
EMPIRE
before
TRADE WITH
RUSSIA?

London, May 3. Mr M. Graham Page, a Conservative MP, asked today in the House of Commons if trade with the Empire would be placed before trade with Russia.

Replying to the question, Mr Peter Thorneycroft, President of the Board of Trade said: "I cannot give assurances as to how particular firms may conduct their business. But it is certainly the government's hope that this trade with Russia will be additional to our exports elsewhere."

In a supplementary question, Mr Page asked: "Can you not give as much glamour publicity to the list of exports required by the Colonies of the Commonwealth as has been given to the list required by the Russians?"

"Will you use your influence while welcoming this trade with Russia — to prevent our manufacturers and exporters from reaching for the moon of Russian trade to the detriment of markets waiting for them for the asking in the Empire?"

Mr Thorneycroft replied: "We cannot have too many export opportunities. We need all we can get and we must seize them."—London Express Service.

German Navy
Officer
Dismissed

Wilhelmshaven, May 3. Lieutenant-Commander Döberstein, who was directing the establishment of the West German navy in the North Sea sector, has been dismissed by the Federal Defence Ministry, it was learned today.

The dismissal followed a letter sent by Döberstein to the Defence Ministry, protesting against what he called the "glorification" of former Grand Admiral Fritz Doenitz in the new navy.

On January 10, during the enlistment of the first saloon of the Bundeswehr, Captain Zenker, then commander of the fleet, criticised the Allied attitude to Doenitz. Later, Vice-Admiral Ruge was appointed Fleet Commander.—France-Press.

The industry's total loss now stands at £26,000,000. This, the National Coal Board, managing body, blamed the

figure on big imports of expensive coal made necessary by a series of crippling strikes.

This coal from abroad—11,000,000 tons—had to be sold at the price of home coal, which meant a loss of £27,000,000.

At the same time to meet existing contracts, Britain had to export 11,700,000 tons of

'Thought I'd Do World A Favour'
LOVER DIES: WOMAN
CHARGED WITH
BRUTAL CAR MURDER

New Orleans, May 3. The police charged a green-eyed stenographer today with murdering her former lover by repeatedly running over him with her car.

"God and I are tired of men taking advantage of women," explained a tearful Beatrice Adams, 33, at the govt. "I realised he was like all other men—rotten to the core. I thought I'd do the world a favour."

But a male witness said Mrs Adams, a former member of the Women's Marine Corps, had "hollered in her heart, with ice water for blood" when she ran down her 300-pound lover, Max Jernigan, before hundreds of rush-hour pedestrians yesterday. Jernigan died early today. The incident occurred on the 1st where he worked.

'Most Cold-blooded'

"It was the most cold-blooded thing I've ever seen," said the witness, mechanic Jack Holland. "A job of killing was all that woman had on her mind. God knows how many times she ran over him."

Holland said he eventually stopped the woman's car by releasing the hood and ripping out the ignition wire. "But even then she rolled down her window and screamed at poor Max: 'Max, you better ask God to forgive you before you die—for what you did to me,'" he added.

"I would do it again," she said later. "He took my love, then scorned me when his wife came back. He took advantage of me."

'Pestered Me'

She said Jernigan got her telephone number from the salesman who sold her the car last August, while he was separated from his wife, and "started pestering me."

They spent their first night together in a hotel, she said. Then she moved into his apartment.

Eden's Embargo Plans

London, May 3. Britain would support a United Nations discussion on the negotiation of an embargo on arms shipments to the Middle East, the Prime Minister, Sir Anthony Eden, told the House of Commons today.—Reuter.

The Board said that more coal would be imported this year and exports would be reduced. Mr James Bowman, National Coal Board Chairman, told a press conference that because of the last coal prices would have to go up this year.—Reuter.

B & K Chat
With
Tourists

Moscow, May 4. The Russian leaders Marshal Bulganin and Mr Khrushchev surprised a group of foreign and local tourists at the Kremlin by going out of their way to have a chat with them.

It was the first time the two leaders who have just returned from a visit to Britain have been known to make such informal contact with Kremlin visitors.

The incident was brought about by one of the group of tourists Herr Hans Hubmann, a photographer from Munich, West Germany, who noticed the two leaders walking along the other side of one of the Kremlin's big open squares.

He shouted to Marshal Bulganin "Mr Prime Minister" and pointed the two out to other tourists who joined him in waving at them to attract their attention.

When he saw the two leaders had observed the group Hubmann set off across the square intending to photograph them close up.

He was immediately stopped by security guards only to be released on the orders of Mr Khrushchev, the Communist party chief.—Reuter.

STEVENSON POPULAR IN POLL

Washington, May 3. A poll of Democratic Congressmen indicated today that many members of the Party wanted Mr Adlai Stevenson to accept its Presidential nomination.

The poll, conducted by the Congressional Quarterly News Features, a news agency, drew 101 replies from the 280 Democratic Senators and Representatives. They gave Mr Stevenson 63 votes to seven for Senator Estes Kefauver, the other active Democratic candidate. Other votes included 15 for Senator Stuart Symington, of

Missouri, seven for Sen. Lyndon Johnson, of Texas, five for Ohio's Governor, Mr Frank Lausche, and four for Governor Averell Harriman, of New York.

Mr Stevenson, and Senators Symington and Johnson all showed strength in the South with Mr Stevenson receiving 23 out of 45 southern votes cast. Senator Symington got eight, and Senator Johnson five. Mr Harriman received all of his votes from the north-east section of the country.—United Press.

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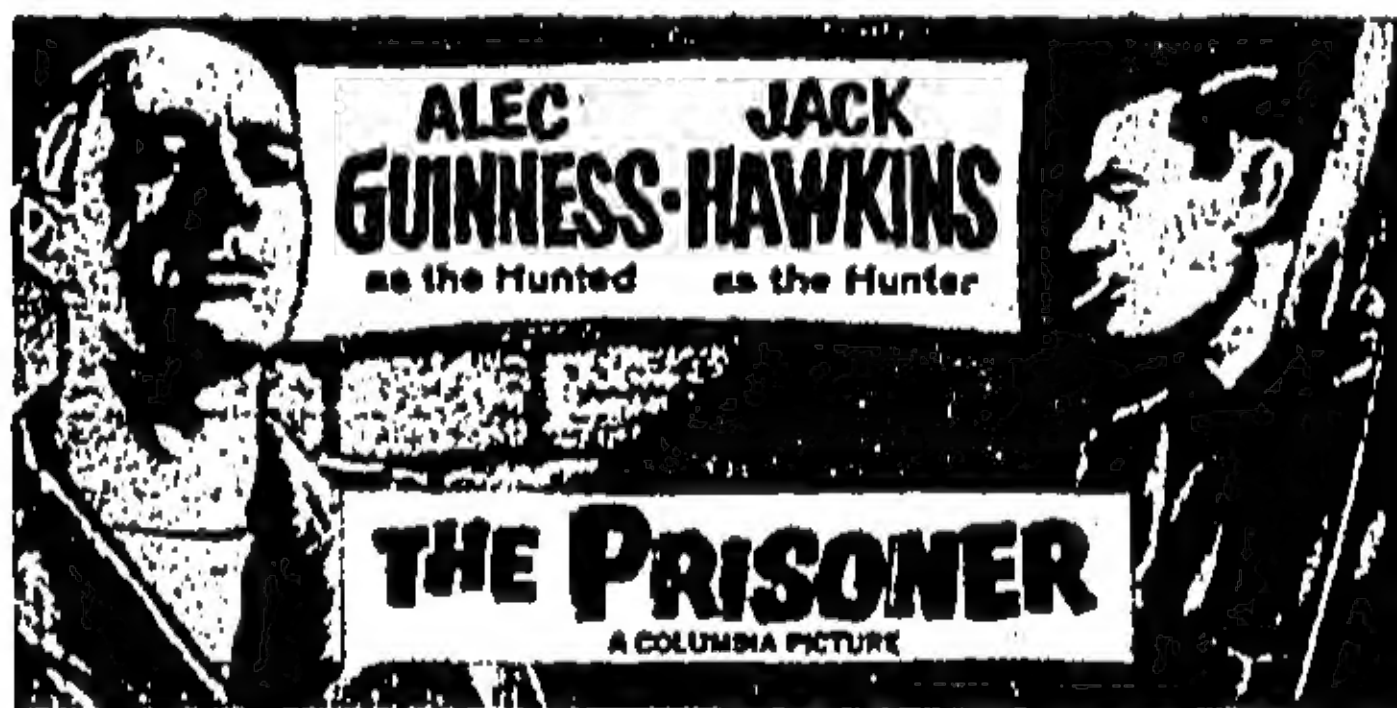
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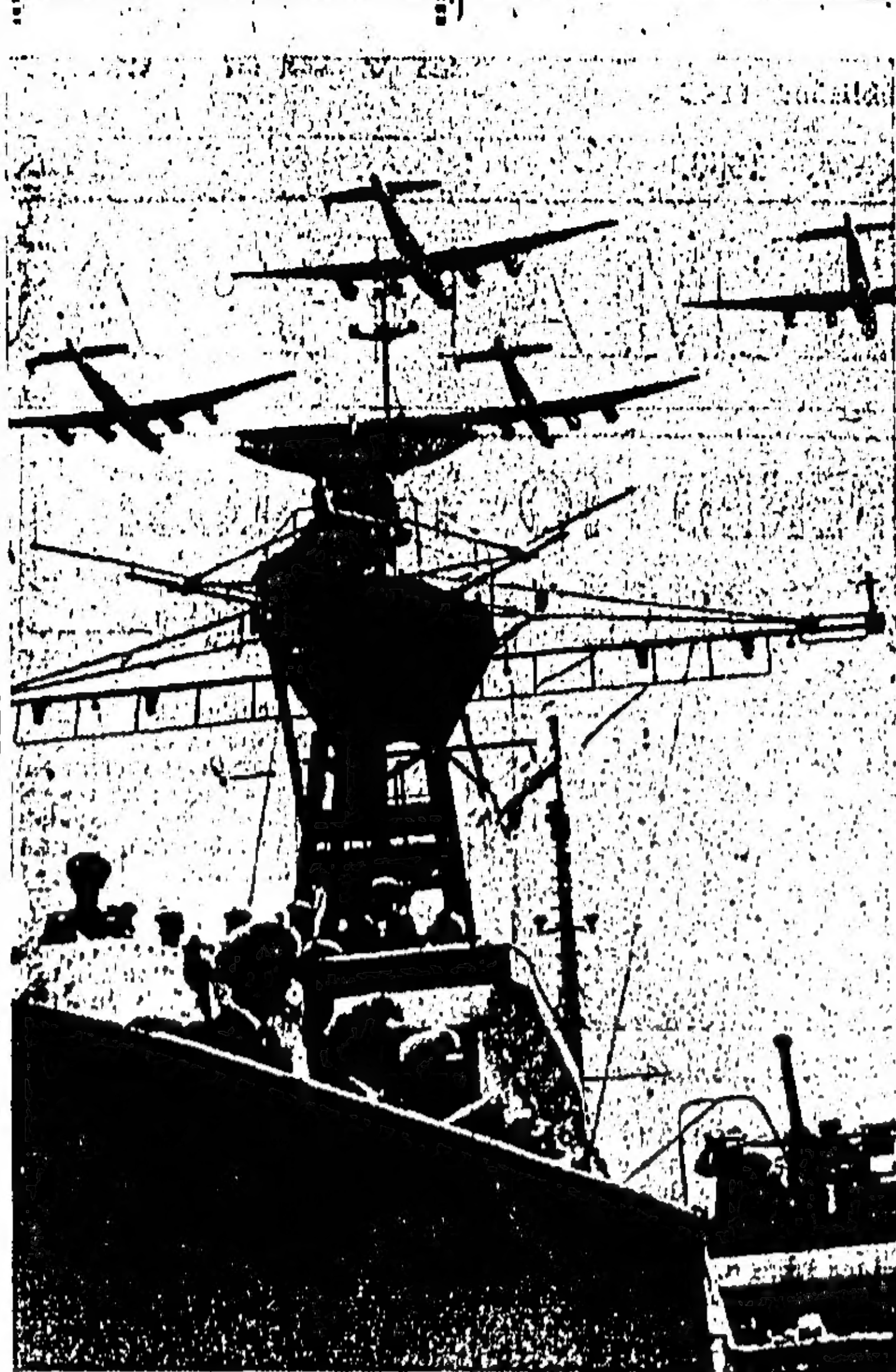
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EXERCISES OFF MALTA



A group of planes fly over the British warship Surprise during exercises off Malta, part of recent combined sea and air manoeuvres of North Atlantic Treaty Organisation powers. Participating were Britain, France, Greece, Italy, Turkey and the USA.—Express Photo.

Banned British Film Warmly Received

'A TOWN LIKE ALICE'

Cannes, May 3.
The British film "A Town Like Alice", which was banned from the Cannes Festival because of a Japanese protest, was given a special showing outside the Festival today, attended by almost a dozen British film stars.

The film, which was warmly applauded, was made in Malaya and Australia and tells the story of the sufferings of a band of English women at the hands of the Japanese occupation troops.

KILLED FOR HELPING AIRMEN

Paris, May 3.
An aged widow stood silent, and near to tears before a big assembly of the people of Loriet to receive honours heaped posthumously on five of her family who died for aiding the escape of British airmen from the Germans during the war.

Formations of ex-servicemen, former resistance workers and municipal officials, drawn up at Loriet war memorial, watched while Captain Marcel Rousselot, representing the Loriet naval command, planned five crosses of the Legion of Honour and five resistance medals on the chest of Mme Marie-Anne Coche, aged 91.

Mme Coche lost her daughter, son-in-law and three grandchildren one night in January 1944, when the German Gestapo in occupied Loriet raided their home after they had been denounced by a collaborator.

UNDERGROUND CHAIN

They were Madame Jeanne Genot, 59, her husband Auguste, 61, and their children Anne, 24, and Eugene and Marie-Louise, 28-year-old twins.

All five were members of the local resistance group called "Vengeance". They formed part of an underground chain which fed and hid shot-down British fliers, and returned them to British through secret resistance channels with the help of British agents.

They were sent to a concentration camp in Germany, and were never seen again.

All have previously received the posthumous award of the Croix de Guerre—Cannes Mail Special.

BATTLE IN BRAZIL

Latest Rebellion Abortive: One Killed

Rio de Janeiro, May 3.

Long-festering political rivalries in Maranhao State broke out today in an abortive armed rebellion aimed at overthrowing the acting State Governor, Eurico Ribeiro.

One person was killed and an undetermined number wounded in a seven-hour revolt headed by Captain Alves Gondim of the military police in the capital city of Sao Luis.

Gondim, at the head of 23 men armed with four machine-guns and a number of rifles, marched on the Palace of the Lions, the Governor's residence, shortly after midnight.

Loyal Officer

Ribeiro and Federal Senator Vilfredo Freire, the State's political boss, were in the Palace at the time. Authorities said later that Gondim intended to overthrow Ribeiro, replacing him with the Lieutenant-Governor, Alexander Costa.

A loyal officer attempted to send a messenger to warn the Palace but the messenger was intercepted. Rebels shooting at the messenger killed a bystander.

Palace Guards and rebels exchanged shots across Joao Lisboa Square for seven hours, while a large crowd of bystanders, including some in right attire, watched from the sidewalks.

Repelled

The rebels failed to receive the reinforcements they expected and surrendered at 7 a.m., ending the latest in a long series of political disturbances in Maranhao. The State has had five acting Governors in recent months.

An announcement late today by President Juscelino Kubitschek's military Cabinet said the attack by Gondim and his men was repelled and the rebels were "imprisoned by a large force of the same force which remained loyal to the State government."

Sporadic Upheavals

Gondim ran for a seat in the State Chamber of Deputies last October, but was defeated. He was a candidate of the Social Democratic Party, headed locally by Freire.

Gondim apparently felt Freire failed to give him adequate support and switched to the Opposition.

A city of about 120,000, Sao Luis has been the scene of sporadic upheavals ever since Freire became involved in Maranhao politics ten years ago.—United Press.

French Train Travellers' Dilemma

Paris, May 3.
French train travellers used to buying a second class ticket will have a delicate problem to solve on June 3.

French railways, in common with a number of European national railroad systems will have no more third class cars from this date.

But though the new cars will be first and second class only, the real class to disappear will be the present second.

The new second class cars will have eight seats to a compartment—like the present third class—and cost the present third class fare.

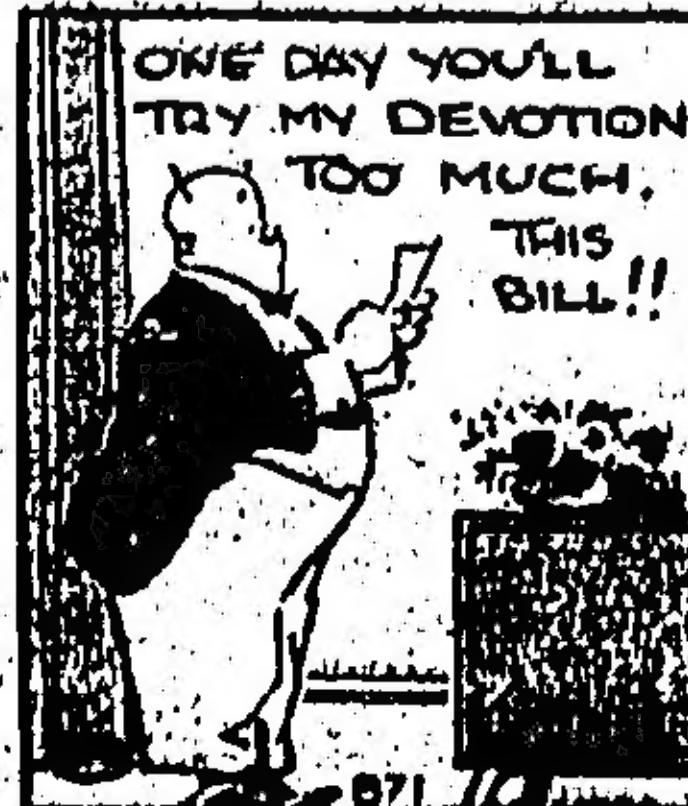
The new first, with the same six-seat compartments as in the present first and second classes, will be somewhat cheaper—than the former first class—but will nevertheless represent 10 per cent more than the present second class tariff.—France-Press.

Shares Tribulations

He continued: "In the adaptation, I deliberately tried to tone down these episodes and eliminate all excessive cruelty because throughout this human document, I wanted to show the common traits of all men—courage, fighting, despair, good fighting evil."

Mr Lee said his heroes were not merely the Australian soldier and the woman he loves, but also the Japanese soldier who shares the tribulations of these prisoners.—France-Press.

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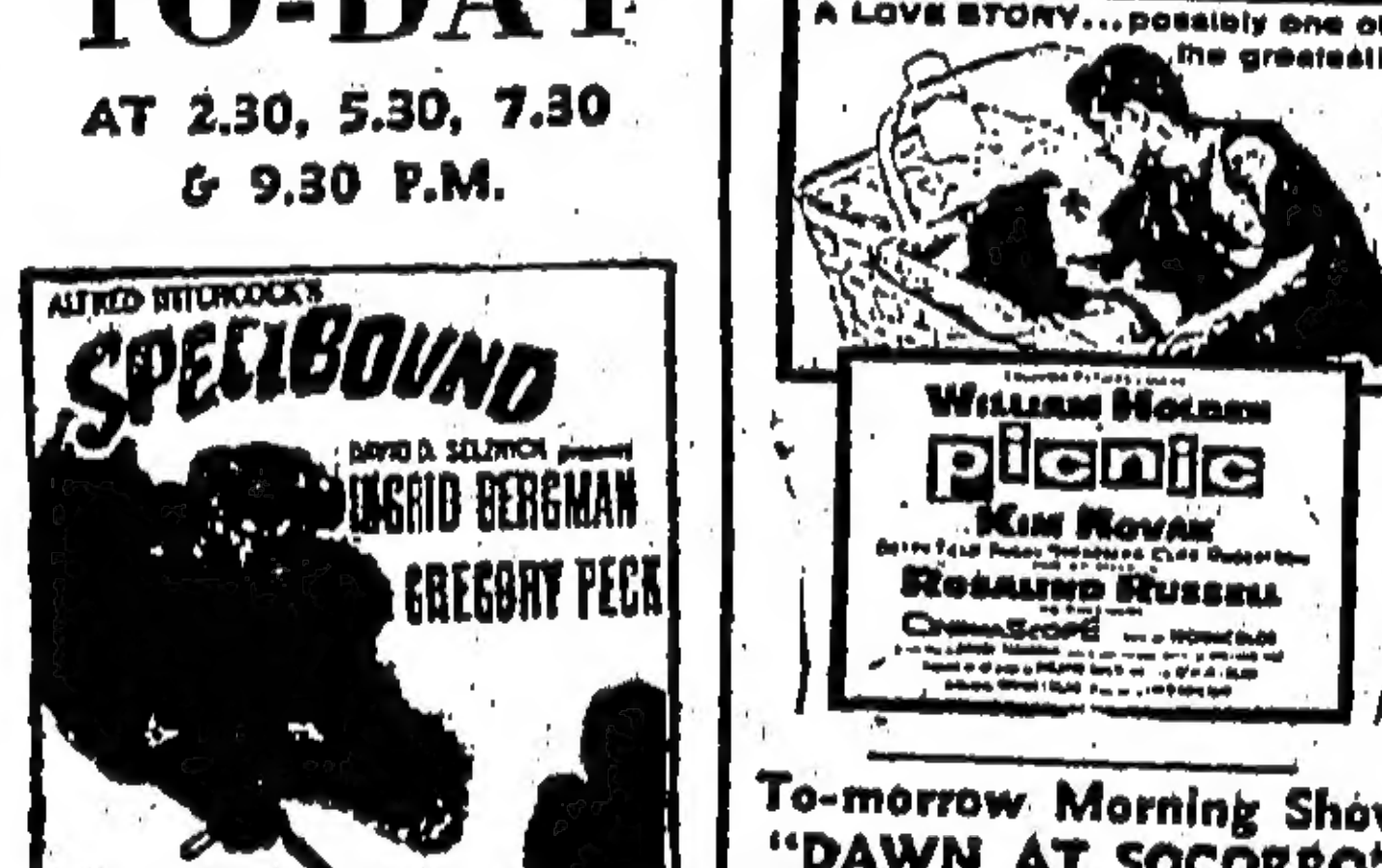


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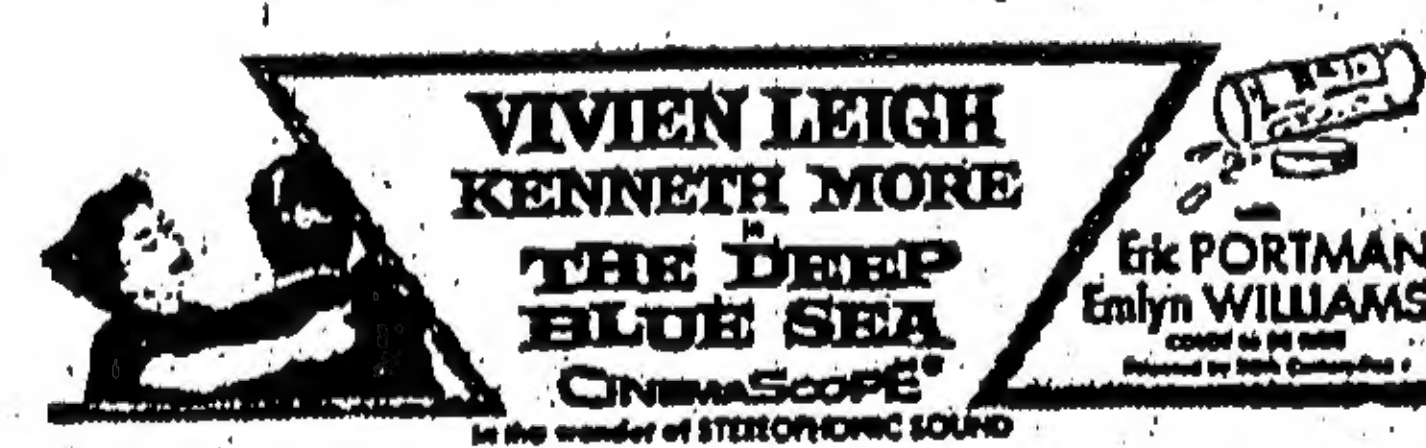
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Struggle For Control Of Arab Legion

London Talks Breakdown Not Surprising

Paris, May 3. The failure of the big power London disarmament talks came as no surprise to delegates to the 15-nation Atlantic Pact Council meeting gathering here today for a two-day session opening tomorrow.

They said it had been clear for some time that there was little, if any chance of Russia agreeing to the kind of controls the West is demanding to ensure that any arms cut commitments are honoured.

Additionally, Moscow had always been extremely cool to President Eisenhower's plan for mutual aerial inspection, which Britain, France and the United States had now made a key feature of any inspection system.

IMPORTANT PROGRESS

It was nevertheless felt that the United Nations sub-committee had made important progress in narrowing the disagreement between East and West over the kind of control on the ground which should be adopted.

M. Christian Pineau, the French Foreign Minister, will probably make a statement at tomorrow's opening session of the Atlantic Council on the failure of the London meetings.

'Honeymoon Homes'

London, May 3. A revolutionary scheme to build "honeymoon homes" was adopted by the local council of Hexham, the picturesque north country market town.

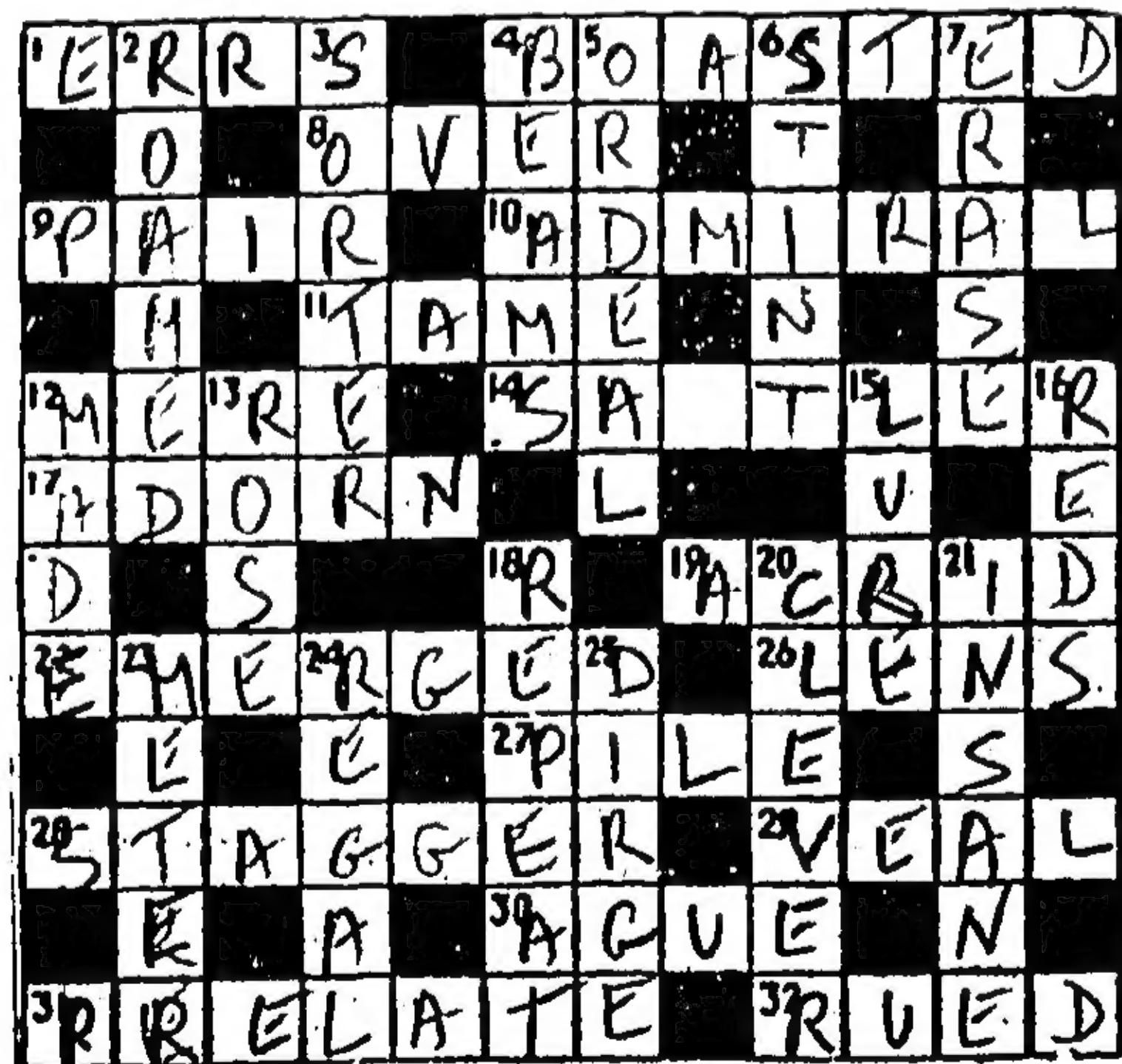
The idea — to provide an estate of self-contained flats for newly-wed couples, who would otherwise have to live with in-laws — is expected to catch on elsewhere in Britain.

It was thought up by the Council chairman, 60-year-old Mr. Joseph Hill, who is a bachelor. He thinks it is the surest way of making the town a happy one.

His plan is for 60 flats in two-story blocks, each with a living room, bathroom, kitchen and a double bedroom to let at a guinea a week.

Mr. Hill, a civil servant, said: "I want the flats to be available to the couples when they return from their honeymoon. When families come along we shall move them to bigger flats and houses, to make way for more young couples who have just been married."

A British Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

- 1 Goes wrong (4).
- 4 Braggart (7).
- 8 Past (4).
- 9 Couple (4).
- 10 Naval rank (7).
- 11 Domesticated (4).
- 12 Lake (4).
- 14 Piece of embroidery (7).
- 17 Bedeck (5).
- 18 Pungent (5).
- 22 Came out (7).
- 23 Optical glass (4).
- 27 Heap (4).
- 28 Root (7).
- 29 Moat (4).
- 30 Shivering fit (4).
- 31 Cleric (7).
- 32 Regretted (4).

Legion OFFICERS FIGHT AS KING SEEKS SOLUTION

London, May 3.

Arab Legion officers today were reported fighting among themselves in a bitter struggle for control of the formerly British commanded desert army.

Two British newspapers in special reports said a number of Legion officers are under arrest after King Hussein moved in to break up plots and counter-plots.

Legion officers are trying to fill the vacuum left by the removal of Lieutenant-General John Glubb Pasha, former British commander of the Legion, the newspapers said.

Presently in the top spot in the Legion, the Daily Express said, is Major-General Raed Ennab.

PREMINGER SIGNS NEW CONTRACT

Cannes, May 3.

Otto Preminger, Director of "The Man With the Golden Arm" and "The Moon is Blue", has signed a long term contract with United Artists, M. A. Youngstein, Vice-President of the company, announced in Cannes today.

Mr. Youngstein flew to Cannes from New York especially to sign up Mr. Preminger, who is a member of the Festival jury. Until now, Mr. Preminger has made only one picture deal with United Artists.

Mr. Preminger, who was present with Youngstein at a press conference in the Festival Palace, said he had three projects in view.

1. "Bonjour Tristesse," a film version of the best seller by the young Frenchwoman, Françoise Sagan, to be made in late summer on Riviera with a star as yet unknown.

2. "St. Joan," based on the Bernard Shaw play, to be made in British studios.

3. "The Wheel," a story based on the life of Gandhi, to be filmed largely in India.

A collection in Hungary for the victims of a flood disaster earlier this year has realised over £2,500,000, according to Budapest Radio.—China Mail Special.

'Jungle Bertha' Has Secret Wedding



BERTHA AND JOOP

BERTHA Heriogh, the "Jungle girl" whose Muslim marriage at 13 to a Malay school-teacher was annulled, has been married for a second time — in secret.

Seventeen persons died in riots in Singapore after the court decision was announced. Bertha's parents brought her back to Holland and she has lived with them since in Bergen-op-Zoom.

Apart from Bertha and Joop and Father Beckers, who conducted the ceremony, the only persons in the church were Bertha's parents, a neighbour who was a witness, and Joop's brother and mother. It was six years ago that Bertha married Mansoor Adabi at a Muslim ceremony in Singapore. Bertha's parents had been imprisoned by the Japanese in Malaya, and she

was brought up by a Malay nurse. In 1951 there was a legal battle which ended with a Singapore court annulling her marriage and giving her back to her parents.

Bertha and Joop announced their engagement last December. Said her 50-year-old father after the wedding: "I objected to the wedding at first because I thought Bertha was too young, but I have relented. Bertha and Joop are living with us for the time being." There would be no honeymoon, he said.—London Express Service.

Quick Aid For Asia A Counter To Reds

Ottawa, May 3.

Western aid to Southeast Asia was becoming more urgent as the Soviet Union offered assistance to the area, Mr. Nik Cavell, Canada's Colombo Plan administrator, said today.

Opposition To Colonialism In Singapore

London, May 3.

The Tribune, organ of the Bonaville faction in the British Labour Party, today said opposition to colonialism in Singapore "is the driving dynamic force among all but a few Europeans."

In an article written by Fenner Brockway, Labour member of Parliament, and headlined "Don't make Singapore another Cyprus," the Tribune said "passion for self-government has swept the island, and its strength and speed has surprised the Colonial Office."

WON WIDE FAME

The article said Mr. David Marshall, Chief Minister of Singapore now in London, was "engaging on platform and in conference. He has won wide fame as a hardener and is an orator with few equals."

It added that Mr. Lee Kuan Yew, leader of the People's Action Party in Singapore who also is in London, has won respect by his intellectual integrity, his grip of socialist fundamentals, his evident design to think his way through difficulties and to act resolutely.

—Reuter.

'MARINE CORPS GLOSSED OVER DEATH MARCH RESPONSIBILITY'

Washington, May 3.

Rep. Walter Norblad accused the Marine Corps today of going too easy on the officers in taking disciplinary action for the "Death March" at the Parris Island, South Carolina, training centre.

He particularly charged the Corps with "glossing over" the responsibility of the immediate superior officers of the assistant drill instructor who led six Marine recruits to their deaths in swampy Ribbon Creek during the night of April 8.

Mr. Norblad fired the charges in a letter to Maj-Gen. Randolph McNall Pate, Marine Corps Commandant who this week ordered a series of sweeping reforms and disciplinary moves in the wake of the tragedy which shocked the nation.

The assistant drill instructor, Staff Sgt. Matthew C. McKee, was charged with being under the influence of alcohol "when he ordered the disciplinary night march. He will be court-martialed on four charges, including manslaughter.

Ride Hard

In addition, Gen. Pate ordered the transfer of the Parris Island Commandant and other officers named a Congressional Medal of Honour winner to ride hard on all Marine Corps recruit training and launch an "extraordinary" reorganization of the whole training system.

Rep. Paul Cunningham said yesterday he thought some officers should share the manslaughter charges lodged against the sergeant.

Mr. Norblad, like Mr. Cunningham, a member of the House Armed Services Committee, wrote Gen. Pate that the "time-honoured military manoeuvres of transferring officers in circumstances like this certainly does not satisfy me."

It seems evident that the company commander has a very major responsibility to know exactly the calibre and actions of the sergeant under his command.

Know Exactly

OVER 4,000 DONATE EYES

Rome, May 3. More than 4,000 persons have bequeathed their eyes to the "Eye Bank," founded in Rome by Professor Cesare Cerini of the city's Institute of Legal Medicine, it was learned here today.

Interest in the Eye Bank, known officially as the "Association of Donors of Corneas," was aroused after an Italian priest, Don Carlo Gnocchi bequeathed his eyes to two young blind children.

The gesture of Don Carlo persuaded the Italian authorities to relax existing laws, which made eye graft practically illegal in Italy.—France-Press.

Franco-Latin American Friendship

Paris, May 3.

The French Post Office has issued a "France-Latin America" stamp to mark the bond of friendship between them.

It is decorated with Aztec and Inca signs and has on the left an Indian man's face and on the right those of a woman.

The man's head is based on the head of a Totonaca (Mexico) warrior in the Cleveland Museum and a Mochea (Peru) head in Munich museum.

The woman's head has the features of Prudence on the tomb of Francois II of Brittany in Nantes Cathedral.—China Mail Special.

\$200 Reward For Bomb Disposal

Brunei, May 3.

A former Singapore resident, Mr. Paul Carson, now a Brunei Government official, volunteered to dispose of an old wartime bomb discovered here.

Workers dug up the rusty missile while building a school. Police had a hard job finding someone who would handle it. But Mr. Carson wrapped it up in sackcloth to cushion it against jolts, then drove it several miles out of town where he threw it in a river.

Police gave him a HK\$200 reward.—China Mail Special.

China Pavilion At Annual Paris Fair

Paris, May 3.

The brightly decorated Communist Chinese pavilion is expected to be the main attraction of the annual Paris Fair, which opens next Saturday.

The Chinese, who are participating in the Fair for the first time, have set up a pseudo-type pavilion, covering 1,400 square metres on the Fair grounds.

More than two million spectators are expected to visit the Fair before it closes on May 21. Forty foreign pavilions have been set up.

China's participation in the Fair was arranged by a mixed French Government and commercial mission during a visit to Peking.

TRADITIONAL EXPORTS

Mr. Chang Chao-hsuan, head of the 27 member Chinese Fair delegation, said that his country's pavilion would exhibit Chinese chemical products and modern machinery, as well as traditional Chinese export goods: silks, porcelain articles, tea, etc.

The Chinese stands will also display French books translated into Chinese, Mr. Chang said.

He added: "The visitor in this way will understand how the Chinese people live and how they are building their country."

Mr. Chang said the Paris Fair should "promote understanding among our two peoples and lead to cultural exchanges."

France-Press.

POLITENESS CRUSADE IN PARIS

Paris, May 3. A "politeness crusade" was launched today under a spring downpour at Paris's picturesque "Place Du Tertre" on top of Montmartre Hill.

The heavy rain did not dampen the spirits of a group of attractive women "ambassadors of courtesy" who gathered in the square to begin their two-day crusade.

Following a dummer boy of the "Free Commune" of Old Montmartre, the "ambassadors" marched down Montmartre Hill into the heart of Paris.

Wearing armbands to mark their official status, the "ambassadors" will roam the streets of Paris for the next 10 days, watching for exemplary acts of courtesy and chiding the discourteous to change their ways.—France-Press.

Resistance Agent Volunteers

Paris, May 3.

Gilbert Renault, leader of French resistance agents in France during World War Two, volunteered today to serve in Algeria "to the best of my ability."

M. Renault, who was known as "Remy" when he directed French intelligence in London, said the life of France is in danger today as it was during World War Two.

M. Renault, in a letter to the commanding general at Chartres, said he was motivated by the same spirit which led him to join the forces of General Charles de Gaulle during the war.—France-Press.

US Navy Tests Rotorecycle



Test pilot Jim Ryan of the Gyrodyne Company of America pilots the model KRON-1 Rotorecycle, an ultra-small one-man helicopter developed for the US Navy. Fully loaded and with pilot, the craft weighs less than 500 lb. can be lifted with a variety of engines ranging from 40 hp to 75 hp. It is intended for liaison and small unit tactical maneuvers.—Express Photo.

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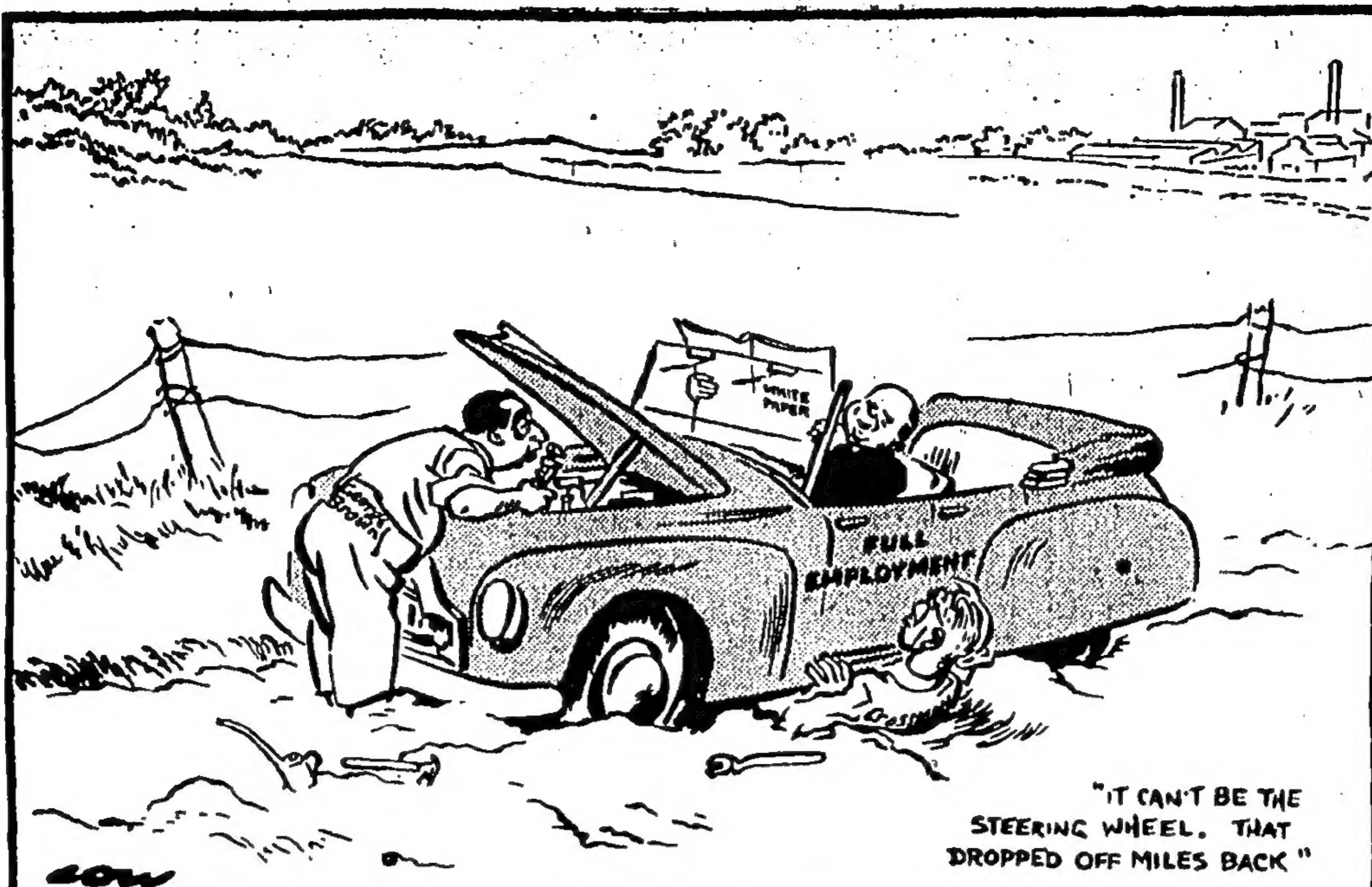
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THE THREE MEN BEFORE Mr B and Mr K

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intrigue and the espionage

THREE Who Made a Revolution... by Mr Bertram D. Wolfe, is one of the most important books ever written on the history of the Bolshevik party. It is the part of a triple biography of Vladimir Ulyanov, Lyova Bronstein and Joseph Djugashvili, better known to the world as Lenin, Trotsky and Stalin.

It was published in America as long ago as 1948 and was widely acclaimed by the experts. One does not, however, need to be an expert in Russian history to perceive at once that Mr Wolfe writes with a clarity, a detachment, an authority, and a personal knowledge which puts his work into a very high category.

The present volume, which goes down to 1914, will be followed by a second entitled "The Uses of Power." "Peculiar difficulties face anyone who seeks the truth about the early lives of the three great revolutionaries—difficulties which have no parallel in ordinary historical research. For ever since 1929, in order to give plausibility to Stalin's self-conferred papal infallibility, the art of rewriting history has been carried under his regime to lengths which make Mr George Orwell's famous Ministry of Truth in his "1984" seem in no way a caricature. Records have been suppressed and invented, millions of books withdrawn or destroyed, a whole generation of inconvenient witnesses removed.

TROTSKY MURDERED

THE leading figure in this process was Beria, head of the Russian police from 1938 till his recent liquidation. The purpose has been to denigrate Trotsky and elevate Stalin to the role of Lenin's right-hand man in the conspiratorial years from 1900 to 1917.

Presumably in the near future we may have a new version. It can scarcely be more misleading than Stalin's. This was indeed countered by Trotsky who in exile managed to complete a biography of Stalin shortly before being murdered by an agent under orders from the subject of his book.

Though not exactly unprejudiced, Trotsky's account is a good deal closer to the truth than Stalin's. It is also much more readable, since Trotsky was an author and journalist of brilliance, whereas Stalin wrote in a style that reminds one of nothing so much as a cross between the Catechism and Bradshaw.

The truth is that Stalin, far from being Lenin's right-hand man, was a relatively unimportant figure in the early years of the revolution.

tant personage in pre-war Bolshevik politics. The most striking of the many proofs given by Mr Wolfe is a letter written by Lenin as late as 1916 inquiring urgently from a friend for Stalin's real surname.

LANDLORD LENIN

THE three revolutionaries resembled each other neither in social origins nor in temperament. Lenin was the son of a minor bureaucrat, and technically of noble birth. He was for a time, though the fact is of course suppressed in his "official" biography, a landlord on a small scale.

Trotsky was the son of an unlettered Jewish farmer in the Ukraine. Stalin's father was a cobbler in Georgia. But all three had one thing in common—membership of that curious class to which there is no parallel except in pre-revolutionary France—the nineteenth-century Russian intelligentsia.

It was a class united, to quote Mr Wolfe, by "a common alienation from existing society and a common belief in the sovereign efficacy of ideas as shapers of life."

If by a "great man" we mean someone whose career has for good or ill changed the lives and destinies of millions, then Lenin emphatically was such a man. It is fascinating to read about his doctrines and methods in the years when he fought for control of a tiny party of doctrinaire exiles whose chances of power must have seemed inconceivably remote.

PROPHECY

WE see in embryo as it were the whole Soviet State. Everything is there: denunciations, heresy hunts, intrigue, espionage, perpetual manoeuvre for power.

THE THREE MEN BEFORE

Paris. The process of liquidating the hallowed memory of J. Stalin has French film lovers wailing and gnashing their teeth. The Paris firm which distributes Soviet films in France is having to withdraw its current lot from circulation because they devote considerable time to commemorating the transcendent genius of the late Uncle Joe.

One of these films, "The Oath," acquired a sensational reputation at its first Paris showing and is prized by French connoisseurs as one of the richest things seen on any screen since the immortal Marx Brothers' "Duck Soup".

The climax shows Stalin reviewing an immense parade of Soviet civil and military might. With a tremendous roar it crashes and rumbles across the Red Square. Suddenly, a super-tractor in the middle ranks breaks down—oh horrors, just, opposite Stalin's reviewing stand on Lenin's Tomb!

In a sense Lenin genuinely believed in democracy, but all his other beliefs presupposed its opposite. The dictatorship of the proletariat in a land where the industrial workers were vastly outnumbered by the peasants in itself was incompatible with democracy.

In any case from the first Lenin envisaged rule, not even by a majority from within the proletariat, but by an elite, a committee of professional revolutionary intellectuals self-chosen for their capacity to understand the true needs of the masses.

In 1904 Trotsky prophetically warned Lenin: "The organization of the Party will take the place of the Party itself; the Central Committee will take the place of the organization; and finally, the Dictator will take the place of the Central Committee."

Neither envisaged a situation in which the party had become synonymous with the State, but Trotsky had many long years of exile in which to ponder on the truth of his own warning.

Is there any moral to be drawn when we consider our attitude towards Mr B. and Mr K.? Only perhaps this: that whatever they now say about Stalin, they were once his nominees and are survivors of an era in which every person of unorthodox or independent beliefs was eliminated, that the ultimate aims of the Kremlin are unlikely to have changed, and finally that the ancient Greeks were not the only people who should be feared even when bringing gifts.



Uncle Joe Does It Again

By STEPHEN COULTER

A scene of utter consternation follows. The most brilliant engineers in Moscow rush up, peer into the tractor, shake their heads in despair. Designers, farmers, experts crowd round but are baffled. The parade threatens to turn into a tangled fiasco. Nobody can discover why the tractor won't go. Panic is not far off.

Suddenly, in a deathly hush, Stalin himself descends from the stand, walks over, and takes one look. He raises his head, points a finger and says "Plug." In a trice the plugs are fixed, the tractor starts, the parade rumbles forward, and the dazzled populace files by gazing at Uncle Joe's exhibition of staggering brainpower!

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Fifty years ago the paintings of Sir John Millais commanded four figure prices. Today, ten of his pictures can be bought for £2,000—the cost of his statue they erected in his memory outside the Tate.

THE FALLEN IDOL

JOHN WATERMAN

WHAT goes up must come down. Newton's law applies not only to apples but also to artists' reputations.

On the lawn in front of the Tate Gallery is the proud statue of a man who, in Victorian times, was one of the most renowned of artists. He looks the very figure of prosperity in a prosperous age—as well he might: his paintings sometimes could not be bought for the equivalent of today's £20,000.

His name is Sir John Everett Millais.

FORGOTTEN MAN

Today this bronze figure, with palette at the ready, and a gaze indicating eternal disdain for the distant perspective of Kensington gossamer, is the statue of a forgotten man.

When the statue was put up no one would then have predicted that this great and luminous planet of the Victorian art world would cool within fifty years.

When Millais died, in 1896, a memorial fund was opened to which the Prince of Wales, later King Edward VII, sent the first donation, and of which he became chairman.

Today few know where the statue is. Even fewer care about the man whom it represents. The sum of more than £2,000 that was so quickly and eagerly given for the statue would now buy ten of Millais's works. No one wants his paintings.

Not even the memory of a scandal which surrounded Millais in his early life has survived—except in the pages of the reference books—to sustain his fame.

The scandal concerned Millais and the wife of Ruskin, the great art critic. Millais met the Ruskins in 1851, the year after he had exhibited a picture called "Christ in His Father's House." The picture caused a sensation because the details had been taken from a local carpenter's shop. The painting was strongly attacked by the critics, including Dickens, who called it "mean, odious, revolting and repulsive."

PLUMMETED

In the auction rooms, prices of Millais's pictures have plummeted. "The Eve of St. Agnes" sold for £630 in 1942. Once it had been bought for £2,205. The big canvas called "Yes" fetched a mere 40 guineas in 1944. Once it had sold for £1,000.

Over the last 10 years prices of £100 and below in the sale rooms are common for Millais pictures which in their day fetched 10 times the amount.

A dealer put the position of Millais thus: "Either the pictures are too big for modern houses or the subject does not appeal to modern taste. If the subject is right, then the size is wrong and vice-versa."

In a room in the Tate Gallery not far from where a few of Millais's paintings are on show is one of Renoir's most famous pictures: "La Loge."

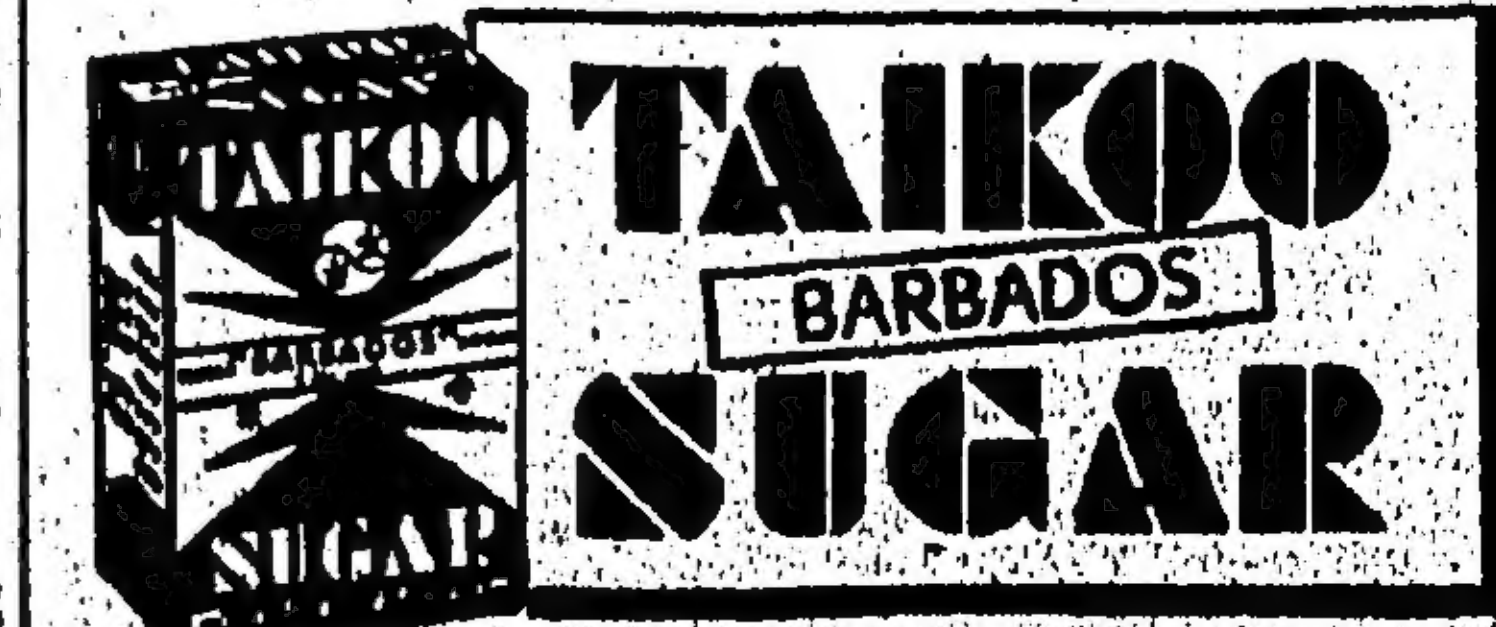
The picture is worth at least £70,000. Its value has appreciated many times in the years that Millais's pictures have depreciated. Today dealers say the prices of Renoir, now riding the crest of the boom in art, will never go down.

The dealers said the same of Millais's prices half a century ago.



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WORLD'S SMALLEST REPUBLIC IN SWEDEN

Forest Community With 40 Citizens

Stockholm, May 3.
Tucked away in northern Sweden is
the smallest republic in the world, although
the only recognition it has had so far
from the King and the country is a smile.

Named Aasen-Holmen, after
the two stretches of forest land
which constitute its territory,
this republic today counts 40
citizens. Its president is
Valfridus Gustavi, a 70-year-
old gentleman farmer.

The Republic, 40 acres in
area, was founded after World
War I by a group of local
farmers who happened to read
an article in an agricultural
magazine describing the Ver-
sailles Treaty.

The farmers decided that,
if statesmen could carve out
territories and found Republics,
so could they. So they merged
their lands and drew up a con-
stitution.

Frontiers Patrolled

Today, Aasen-Holmen has its
own Cabinet, including a
Minister of Foreign Affairs, a
Minister of Finance, a Minister
of the Interior and a Chief of
the Admiralty. The latter super-
vises the lake which forms part
of the territory.

The frontiers are "patrolled"
by uniformed soldiers and
visitors are informed by notices
in six different languages that
they may not enter without a
special passport signed by the
President.

Any visitor crossing the frontier
illegally will find the
uniformed patrols slow to react.
Aasen-Holmen has a manpower
shortage. So its frontier guards
are dummy soldiers made of
wood.

The members of the Cabinet,
who include an artist, a market
gardener, a lawyer and a fur-
nace, meet once a month in the
President's Palace, a minor house.

At these meetings, they wear
formal clothes consisting of
frock coats, top hats and false
beards. Many also carry the
order of the House, Aasen-
Holmen's highest distinction,
awarded only to citizens of
outstanding merit.

Special Dishes

At their Cabinet meetings,
members speak a special language
which they maintain. Is
the original language of the
territory. Visitors describe it as
a mixture of Swedish and dog
Latin.

After the meeting, the
Ministers eat special dishes
concocted by the President and
wash them down with a potent
red currant brew of which
only the President knows the
recipe.

Once a year all the citizens of
the Republic meet for the
national festival. There is eating,
dancing and singing and a
procession through a cere-
monial alley of wooden figures
carved by the Foreign Minister.
These wooden figures carry
special messages to encourage
the citizens on their way through
life.

Typical slogans are: "You are
lucky often and unlucky
seldom." "The more you strive,
the more you will realise that
you deserve it will be small."

The figures range from sur-
realistic effigies to a lifelike
model of a beautiful lady. She
is called the "Lady of the
Woods." Aasen-Holmen my-
thology says that she dwells in
the depths of the woods and lures
men to their destruction. Young
men fall in love with her
beauty, plunge into the forest
to win her and never return.

President Immune

The 70-year-old President
Valfridus, is, however, immune.
He has learned through the
years how to hold converse with
her without being lured deeper
and deeper into the wood where
the Spirit of Destruction lurks.
Indeed, Valfridus has been re-
corded in the national chronicles
as saying, "She is just a nice
girl with problems of her own."
A few years ago, Valfridus
wrote to Sweden's Premier, Mr.
Tage Erlander, and asked him
to respect the frontiers of
Aasen-Holmen.

The President proclaimed at
the same time that Swedish tax
collectors would be shot on sight
and left unburied if they dared
to cross the border and enter
Republic territory.
Report has it that, good natured
Mr. Erlander drafted a reply
but some one forgot to post it.
Or maybe one of the Aasen-
Holmen frontier guards inter-
cepted it and dared not deliver
it to Valfridus lest war should
break out between the two
states.

Fortunately, the tax collectors
are able to collect their levies in

the Republic and relations be-
tween Aasen-Holmen and Swe-
den have continued peaceful.

Aasen-Holmen lies in the
north Swedish province of
Varmland, or perhaps one should
say, is bounded by the north
Swedish province of Varmland.
Nowadays it has a population
problem.

In the early days of the Re-
public, young people were happy
to join in its merry life, but
now they are attracted by the
bright lights and city cinemas
of the land over the border.
Many have, therefore, emigrated
to Sweden.

The remaining citizens are
growing old and will doubtless
constitute a social problem for
Aasen-Holmen's rulers one day.

More Sophisticated

Indeed, Valfridus himself is
afraid that no successor will be
forthcoming to carry on the
Republic's traditions when he
has passed away.

In an audience, which he
granted to a foreign journalist
recently, he lamented: "The
Varmland character is getting
more sophisticated and worldly.
We are losing our sense of mis-
chief, phantasy, and playfulness."
—China Mail Special.

Carro, May 3.

The Prosecutor's Office an-
nounced today that 77 Jews
accused of forging birth cer-
tificates to enable Zionists to
leave Egypt, will be tried in
Cairo criminal court on May 14.
—United Press.

Quai D'Orsay Reception



A reception was held re-
cently at the Quai d'Orsay,
Paris, for Italy's President
Gronchi. He is pictured
centre, chatting with
Monsieur Larelli, the Papal
Nuncio, while France's Pres-
ident Coty, right, looks on.
Express Photo.

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By Surface

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Australia, New Zealand, Noon.
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Macao, 6 p.m.

Pedigree Puppy Prices Soar In Tokyo

Tokyo, May 3.
Pedigree puppy prices are soaring here as
more Japanese recognise the virtue of owning a
pet capable of protecting the house from thieves
and also likely to earn extra cash by winning a
championship.

Mr. Tamotzu Sakamoto,
Director-General of the Japanese
Kennel Club says that dogs
have not always enjoyed such
popularity here. During World
War II it was considered a crime
to keep a dog and pet dogs
were urged to hide in their
contribution to the war effort.

SMALL MARGIN

The only breed to emerge
unscathed from this wholesale
purge, according to Mr.
Sakamoto, was the German
sheep dog, which was used as
a war dog and drew army
rations.

The nucleus of a new line of
pedigree dogs began when men
in the Occupation forces brought
their dogs with them.

Mr. Sakamoto estimates that
there are more than 2,500,000
dogs registered with the police
throughout Japan. Of these
only some 6 per cent or about
150,000 qualify as purebreds.
The majority of them comprise
the perennial German sheep dog
and Japanese native breeds.
This leaves only a small margin
for the many other types
popular in the West.

According to Mr. Sakamoto
Suzuki, a director of the
Japanese Kennel Club, the pro-
fessional breeders are unable to
obtain the foreign exchange
needed to import stud dogs.
The only ones at present enter-
ing the country are brought in
by individual fanciers.

FIRST PLACE

The actual number of
recognised breeds in Japan is
not accurately known. Only 80
of the 130 species listed by the
British and American Kennel
Clubs were exhibited at the last
dog show here.

Occupying first place in
popularity is the German
Shepherd followed by the
Japanese Spaniel and then the
Spitz.

Twelve clubs have been
established in Japan for
individual breeds — the Spitz,
Boxer, Collie, Poodle, Spaniel,
Doberman, German Sheppard,
Japanese Spaniel, Pomeranian,
Great Dane, Akita (Japanese
fighting dog) and All Terrier.
The last includes all known
breeds of terriers.

AMATEURS

Both Mr. Sakamoto and Mr.
Suzuki deplored the present
system of registering
pedigree pups on the grounds
that too many organisations are
involved. Under this system,
one dog is able to possess
more than one pedigree and
kennel owners have often been
deceived because many of the
so-called aristocrats have turned
out to be mongrels.

Breeding, too, is nearly all in
the hands of amateurs in the
absence of sufficient professional
kennelmen. Many pedigree
dogs are being ruined through
careless cross breeding.

Credit for the rehabilitation of
pedigree dogs in Japan is given
to Mr. Tomazumi Ishihashi, Min-
ister of International Trade and
Industry. It was he who found-
ed the Japanese Kennel Club
in 1946 and is now its chair-
man. The club has more than
10,000 registered members and
50 branches throughout Japan.
Dog shows are held twice a
year.

Regulations governing the
ownership of dogs are very
strict in Japan. All dogs have
to be inoculated for rabies and
the International system of
identifying the ear with an
identification number is soon
to begin.

Stray dogs are periodically
rounded up and delivered to the
dog pound. Dogs are used by
hospitals for vivisection pur-
poses although a branch of the
anti-vivisection league has been
formed to try to stop the prac-
tice of using dogs and cats for
medical research.

TWO WEEKS

Should dog owners change
their place of residence their
pets must be re-inoculated
before being allowed to board
the train.

Rules covering the entry of
dogs to Japan are slightly easier
provided that the owner has
conformed to international
quarantine regulations. The
period of detention at the port
of entry is two weeks. —China
Mail Special.

Radio Hongkong

H.K.T.
6. Time Signal and Programme
Summary: 6.05. Stock Market
Report: 6.08. Programme for
Children: 6.15. Presented by
(Studio): 6.30. Popularity Poll pre-
sented by Red Thomas (Studio):
6.40. Music from the Ballet
"Pineapple Poll" (Sullivan) Soder's
orchestra. 6.45. The Beatles
MacKerron: 7.30. Jazz. 7.45. Four
MacKerron: 7.50. Weather Report.
Time Signal and the News (London
Relay): 8.00. Appeal on Behalf of
the American Red Cross. 8.15. The
B. C. Hawkins, C.M.G., O.B.E.
(Recorded): 8.15. Movie Magazine.
8.20. The Beatles. 8.25. The Beatles
Lyttle (Studio): 8.45. Letter from
America by Allstar Cooke (London
Relay). 9.00. The Beatles. 9.15. The
Beatles. 9.30. The Beatles. 9.45.
Lovers' Hour. Classical Requests
presented by Robert Acheson.
9.50. The Beatles. 10.00. The Beatles.
10.15. The Beatles. 10.30. The Beatles.
10.45. The Beatles. 11.00. The Beatles.
11.15. The Beatles. 11.30. Goodnight
Music: 11.30. Close Down.

REDIFFUSION

3 p.m. Variety Calls the Tune,
3.45. Musical Melody: 4.30. Strike Up
the Band: 4.45. Romances of the
World—The Story of Desire, Queen
of Sweden: 5.15. The Beatles. 5.30.
Sammy Kaye Show: 5.45. Children's
Corner—The House at Pook Corner—
Evelyn: 6.00. The Beatles. 6.15. The
Beatles. 6.30. The Beatles. 6.45.
5.50. Friday Requests—Presented by
Betty: 6.55. Birthday. 7.00. The
Beatles. 7.15. The Beatles. 7.30.
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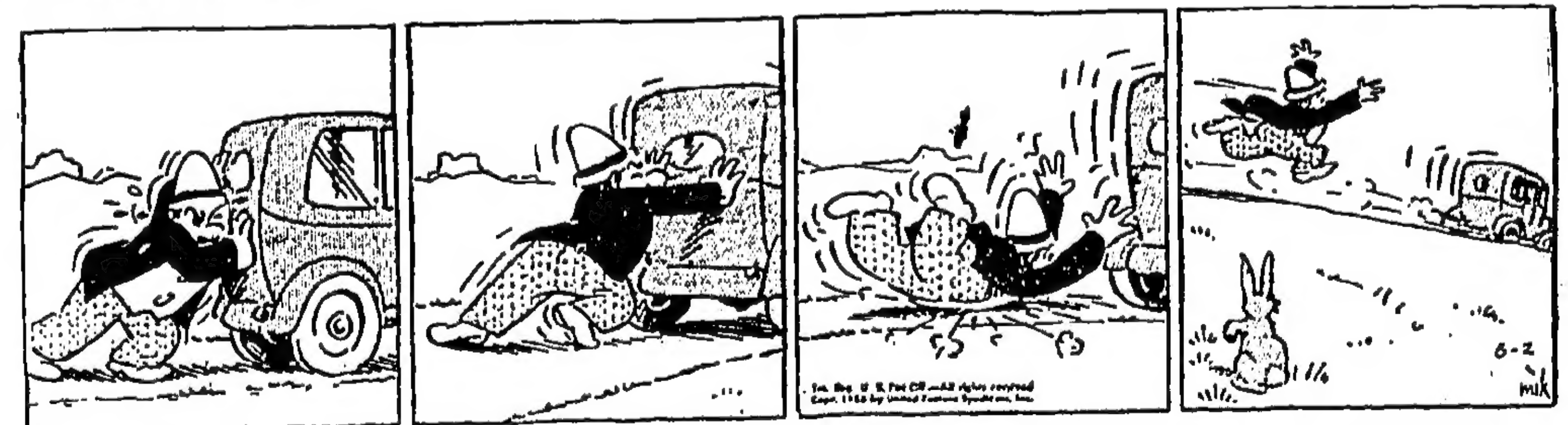
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By Lee Falk and Phil Davis



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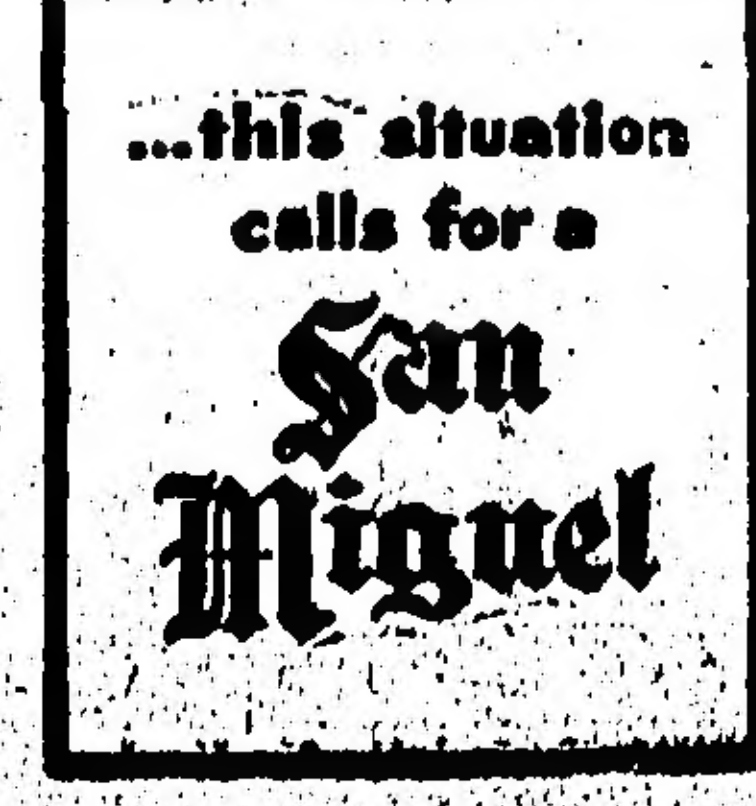
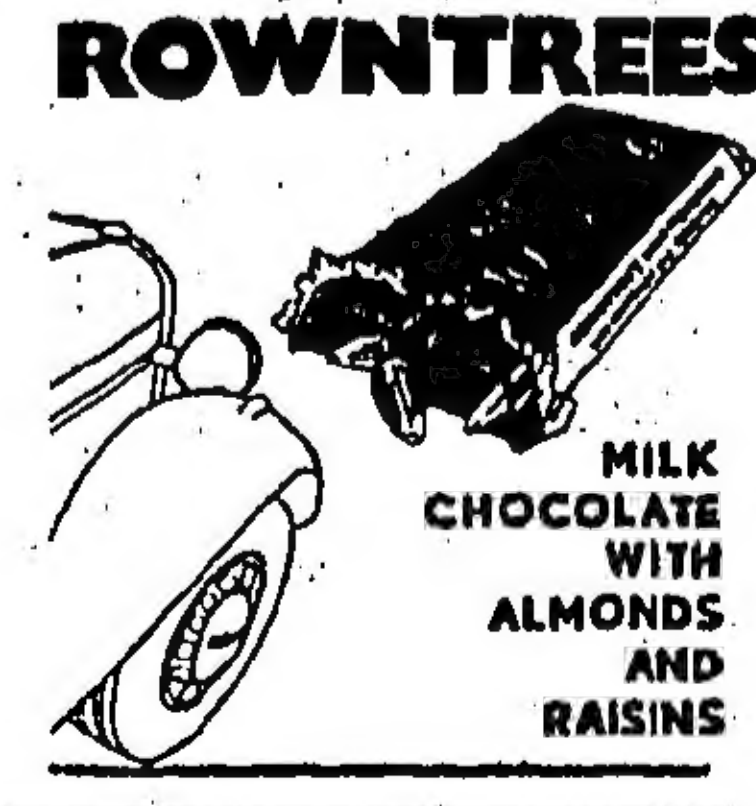
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JOHNNY HAZARD

By Frank Robbins



TRADE and COMMERCE SECTION

SHARES MARK UP NEW GAINS

BIG DEMAND FOR WHEELOCKS

By A Special Correspondent

With the market dull but forging quietly upwards, the spotlight turned on to Wheelock Mardens this week and with speculators active the share put on another 15 cents to carry it to \$8.85 at the close of business yesterday.

More than 115,000 shares have changed hands in the last three weeks and the price has risen by 60 cents since April 12.

This week's activity is illustrated by the turnover of almost 50,000 shares, the highest in the last three weeks. The price has been hovering around \$8.85 and \$9.00 and it is likely that it will continue to rise.

The Chairman of the company, Mr. G. E. Marden, left the Colony yesterday for a short visit to Japan. His trip has touched off speculation in the market but apart from that, the share has been fairly quiet and closed slightly higher on the week. There was one particularly heavy day of selling, following uncertainty on the Singapore market, when 90,000 Amalgamateds were sold and the price fell to the week's low of \$1.35.

Outside of this activity the market has been fairly quiet. Price changes have been small—as the adjoining panel shows—and the volume of business has again been light—\$3.31 million against \$3.59 million the previous week and \$3.17 million the week before.

On the week, 16 issues are higher, six lower and seven steady on the week.

Amalgamated Active

Another share that has been active this week was Amalgamated Rubber. More than 105,000 shares changed hands and the price fluctuated between \$1.47, \$1.35 and \$1.425. Last week the turnover in this share was 120,000.

The rubber market has been fairly quiet and closed slightly higher on the week. There was one particularly heavy day of selling, following uncertainty on the Singapore market, when 90,000 Amalgamateds were sold and the price fell to the week's low of \$1.35.

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Utilities Higher

The undertone has kept very steady. I understand that scrip has been short at times, which has helped Utilities. All with the exception of Yauwattis show small rises.

Buying rates for Star Ferry advanced \$2 this week. This may have something to do with wishful thinking in the market about Government's attitude to the tunnel project.

I learn the report is due very shortly but I have not heard (nor, I believe, have most interested) what the expert committee's recommendation is to be.

Yauwattis have kept quietly steady at \$103—700 shares changed hands yesterday.

Wharves' Gain

Wharves put on another \$2 this week to close at \$80 buyers (unsatisfied). This means it has risen \$8.50 in three weeks. Reasons for the rise are, as I mentioned last week, the better than expected balance sheet and the recovery in the company's position which the figures indicate.

Apparently some think the company stands to get most of the Canton trade coming to the Colony via train if a through service is arranged.

But even if this is so, brokers do not think this trade will amount to very much.

Wharves scrip has been scarce this week—this has also given the share support.

Cement has made another small gain this week. Dairy Farm is also fractionally higher.

The textile sector did not do so well and both Textile Corporation and Nanyang are slightly lower.

The Prospects

This concludes the week's report. The prospects are that the market will continue along on its present course showing small rises on small turnovers. Higher yielding shares should continue to attract attention even when the speculative interest wanes thought profit-taking can be expected.

It is not a bright prospect compared with the meteoric rise

★ The Share Market At A Glance ★

	Apr 5	Apr 12	Apr 19	Apr 26	May 3	Up or down
HK Bank	1660	1685	1680	1675m	1670	-\$5
Lombard	50 1/2b	58 1/2b	59a	60	60	steady
Union	970a	980b	990	990b	990	steady
Underwriters	8.50b	9a	9a	9a	9a	steady
Union Wharf	17 1/2b	19	19b	20.10b	20.50b	+\$0.40
Wheelocks	8.55	8.30	8.45	8.70	8.85	+\$0.15
HK Wharf	73b	71 1/2xd	70	78	80b	+\$2
HK Dock	34 1/4	30 1/4	30 1/4	37 1/4	37 1/4	+\$7 1/4
Provident	13.20b	13.70	13.80	14	13.80	-\$0.20
HK Hotel	14.20	13.90	13.80	13.80b	13.80	steady
HK Land	01	01 1/2	01 1/2	02 1/2	03 1/2	+\$1
Hamphers	17.00a	17 1/2a	17 1/2a	17.45a	17.45a	steady
HK Realty	1.45n	1.475	1.425b	1.475	1.50	+\$0.025
HK Tram	22.80	22.90	22.50	22.00	22.80	+\$0.80
Star Ferry	135a	180b	131a	130b	132b	+\$2
Yauwattis	103	101	101	103	103	steady
Ch Lights (n)	22	22.20	22.40	22.60	22.80	+\$0.20
Ch Lights (o)	19 1/2	19.40	19.70b	19 1/2	19.90	+\$0.20
Electric	20.80	30	29.70b	30 1/2	31	+\$0.30
HK Telephone	22.60	22.90	22.60b	22.75m	23	+\$0.35
C.I. Cement	34	34	33 1/2	35	35 1/2	+\$0.50
Dairy Farm	17.10	15.70xd	16.10b	16.20	16.30	+\$0.10
A.S. Watson	11.20	11.20	11.10	11.20	11	-\$0.20
Lane Crawford	34n	34n	34n	34n	34n	steady
Standard	0.50	0.50	0.50	0.50	0.50	steady
Allied	5.10	5.10	5.15n	5.40	5.45	+\$0.05
HK & FE Inv	11.10m	11.30a	11.30a	11.20a	11	-\$0.20
Textile Corp	5.25b	5.25	5.25b	5.40b	5.40b	-\$0.05
Nanyang	7.40b	7 1/2b	7.80	8a	7.80a	-\$0.20

Wall Street Stocks Restore Losses

New York, May 3.

Stocks restored the loss in valuations of the past two sessions in an advance paced steadily by rail shares today.

Rails ran up gains ranging to more than 3 points to lift their average to new high since October 11, 1929.

Motor, aircraft, chemical and oil stocks paced industrials which added \$1.25 on average.

Trading volume totalled 2,640,000 shares compared with 2,440,000 yesterday.

Out of a total 1,203 issues traded, 585 were higher, 390 lower.

The market was declining in the previous several sessions. Today's recovery was helped by several favourable developments including optimistic statements by the Secretaries of Commerce and Labour who hinted at easier money, by a plan, Armed Forces Appropriation Committee and House Appropriation Committee and by the continued flow of favourable earnings and dividend news.

Rails were given an added lift by report of record freight loadings. Gains in the rails ranged to 3 points or more in Louisville.

Chrysler touched a new low at \$66 1/2, off nearly a point early in the session but moved up later in the day.

New York Stock Exchange total volume was \$4,420,000. American Stock Exchange volume was 1,350,000 shares. Dow-Jones closing averages were:

30 Industrials	174.00
20 Autos	174.00
15 Utilities	154.40
60 Bonds	102.07
Comm. future price index	154.33
Comm. spot price index	154.33
Morley index	418.10

Closing Prices

Alcoa Inc. Acy.	\$ 20 1/4
Allied Chemicals	120 1/4
Allied Mills Inc.	67 1/2
Am. Can. Co.	29 1/2
American Airlines	29 1/2
American Cable & Radio	29 1/2
American Cyanamid Co.	29 1/2
Am. Mach. & Foundry	31 1/2
American Smelting	31 1/2
American Tel. & Tel.	18 1/2
American Tobacco	18 1/2
Armco Steel	29 1/2
Armour	29 1/2
Baldwin Locomotive	10 1/2
Baltimore & Ohio	10 1/2
Bendix Aviation Corp.	10 1/2
Boeing Aircraft	10 1/2
Boeing Steels	10 1/2
Borden (The) Co.	10 1/2
Burroughs Add Machine	10 1/2
Case (J. I.) Co.	10 1/2
Cel. Tractor	10 1/2
Celanese Corp.	10 1/2
C. I. T. Financial Corp.	10 1/2
Chase National Bank	10 1/2
Chrysler Motors	10 1/2
Colgate-Palmolive Co.	10 1/2
Commercial Credit	10 1/2
Consolidated Edison	10 1/2
Continental Oil	10 1/2
Crown Zellerbach	10 1/2
Cummins Engine	10 1/2
Diamond Alkali	10 1/2
Diamond Shamrock	10 1/2
Dow Chemicals	10 1/2
DuPont	10 1/2
Eastman Kodak	10 1/2
Exxon National Gas	10 1/2
Exxon Petroleum	10 1/2
Fidelity Trust Co.	10 1/2
General Electric	10 1/2
General Motors	10 1/2
Gen. Elec. Corp.	10 1/2
Goodrich (The) Co.	10 1/2
Goodyear Tire	10 1/2
Grain Processing	10 1/2
Hamamatsu	10 1/2
Imperial Chemical	10 1/2
Int'l Business Machines	10 1/2

London Market Irregular

London, May 3.

Stocks on the London Exchange closed irregular today after support dried up on an initial extension of yesterday's advance.

Industrials advanced, but movement was generally restricted to individual issues. Dunlop Rubber declined on an unchanged dividend announcement. Rolls-Royce and Unilever moved higher.

Oils finished slightly lower. Dollar stocks were mixed.

Favourable gold and dollar reserve figures for the end of April stimulated early buying of British Government bonds but support slackened in the afternoon.

A steeper trend in price helped firm the copper.

In the foreign bond market German issues eased on lack of confidential support. United Press.

WORLD COTTON MARKETS

New York, May 3.

Cotton futures trading today flattened out following a short-lived buying spurt at the opening.

Initial gains up to \$1.55 were cut in half until just before the close when prices steadied again on day trader covering.

Final range was 2 lower to 21 higher. Opening prices were up to 31 points. New Orleans closed up 9 to 19 points.

Two factors generating the initial demand were 1. Over-night receipts at Liverpool, 2. News of small sales at higher prices on the Government's surplus stock.

In the first round of bidding in the new programme to push cotton exports, the Department of Agriculture sold 10,487 bales on bid submitted last week. Average price was 27.90 cents a pound, basis middling 15/16 inch at average locations.

The price was about two cents higher than generally expected, with some technicians recalling that under the last sale programme in January when 1,000,000 bales were sold out of the surplus, the final sale was made at 25.00 cents a pound.

The Liverpool market, which had the first opportunity to act on the overnight sale news, scored gains of 45 to 65 English points.

After the first buying spurt was satisfied, market interest flattened out with more speculative accounts transferring attention to the faster-moving markets like soybeans and vegetable oils.

May contracts saw-sawed narrowly. One additional delivery notice for 100 bales appeared today. Open interest in May totalled 120,000 bales. The certificated stock rose 770 bales to 12,604 bales.

NEW YORK

Prices of futures closed today as follows:

Spot	30.70
May	30.70
July	30.70
Sept.	30.70
Dec.	30.70

NEW ORLEANS

Prices of futures closed today as follows:

Spot	35.40
May	35.40
July	35.40
Sept.	35.40
Dec.	35.40

LIVERPOOL

Future closings, in pence per lb. were as follows:

Old contract		
May/June	.....	20.10
July/Aug.	.....	22.40
New contract		
May/June	.....	30.30
July/Aug.	.....	27.03
Oct./Nov.	.....	20.15
Dec./Jan.	.....	23.93
Mar./Aug.	.....	25.00

Carlin says he expects to complete the last lap by the end of this year.